



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

WP-16J

May 27, 2020

Darin LeCrone, Manager  
Industrial Unit, Permits Section  
Division of Water Pollution Control  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Review of NPDES General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, ILA01

Dear Mr. LeCrone:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the public notice National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (Permit) and public notice/fact sheet that was submitted to EPA on May 12, 2020. Based on changes to the permit following our January 29, 2020 letter and discussions with staff, EPA would not object to issuance of that permit. However, our position could change if any of the following occurs:

- a. Prior to the actual date of issuance of a Proposed Permit, an effluent guideline or standard is promulgated which is applicable to the permit and which would require revision or modification of a limitation or condition set forth in the Draft Permit;
- b. A variance is granted and the Permit is modified to incorporate the results of that variance;
- c. There are additional revisions to be incorporated into the Permit which have not been agreed to by EPA; or
- d. EPA learns of new information, including as the result of public comments, that causes EPA to reconsider its position.

Subject to the above conditions, the permit may be issued in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement and pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

After completion of public notice, submit the proposed permit to R5, please forward one copy and any significant comments received during any public notice period to R5NPDES@epa.gov, attention Caitlain Thompson, Permits Branch. If you have any technical questions related to

EPA's review, please contact Caitlain Thompson at (312) 353-1783 or by email at [thompson.caitlain@epa.gov](mailto:thompson.caitlain@epa.gov).

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process and your thoughtful consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Andrea Schaller, Chief, Section 1  
Permits Branch

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Matthew Gluckman, Chief, Section 2  
Caitlain Thompson, Life Scientist, Section 2

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